

**REMARKS/ARGUMENTS**

This Amendment is in response to the *Ex Parte Quayle* action issued November 25, 2003.

The non-elected claims 61-68 have been canceled herein without prejudice or disclaimer. Thus, this application is now in condition for allowance.

Applicant notes that certified copies of the priority documents have been filed in the parent Application Serial No. 09/511,948 (Now U.S. Patent No. 6,384,509). Thus, Applicant respectfully requests that the receipt of these priority documents by acknowledged in the next action.

Should the Examiner have any questions regarding this case, please feel free to contact the undersigned attorney at the phone number below.

Respectfully submitted,

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